



THE GOOD NEWS

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Students of the Week: Due to **No School on Friday, February 26th for St. Michael's Students only**, we will not be celebrating the Students of the Week.

ISTEP: As requested by the Indiana Department of Education, students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 will be taking the ISTEP+ beginning **March 1st - March 10th**. The testing is being spread out over several days in order to allow students to perform to the best of their abilities. We ask that throughout the testing period students get plenty of rest by going to bed early, eating a nutritious breakfast, coming to school prepared and arriving on time. Working together, we can help the students be confident and ready to do their best. If your child has doctor, orthodontist, dentist appointments, etc., we ask that you notify the office in advance so that we can have your child ready and the class is not disrupted. If at all possible do not schedule appointments at this time. These dates were posted on the calendar at the beginning of the year.

Absences: If your child is going to be absent due to a family vacation, please send a note to the **Principal at least 10 days prior to the trip as stated in the student handbook**. **These days will be considered as an unexcused absence**. Please see page 19 in the Student Handbook.

Student Registration: Student registration for the **2010-2011 school year** for students in 4 year old preschool through eighth grade is **due Friday, March 5th**. **Classroom space is limited so if you are considering these classes you are encouraged to register soon**. **The non-refundable registration fee for preschool is \$35.00, kindergarten through grade eight is \$40.00**. If you have any questions, please call Miss Nawara at school.

Open House & New Student Registration: **New Student Registration for the 2010-2011 school year and an Open House** for preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-8 will be held on **Friday, March 5th from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. and 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.** If you know of a family who is interested in enrolling their child at St. Michael, we encourage you to pass along this information.

First Friday: **Friday, March 5th** is First Friday. Please remember to bring in .50 for a local charity and non-perishable items for the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

Early Dismissal Mark Your Calendars: On **Tuesday, March 16th**, St. Michael School Teachers will be attending a Diocesan Convocation with area Catholic School Teachers. **The St. Michael School students will be dismissed at 12:30 P.M.** Parents will need to provide their own transportation after school. **The school lunch will be served before dismissal.**

HASA Board Meeting: There will be a HASA Board meeting on **Tuesday, March 2nd at 5:30 P.M.**

Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest: Congratulations to **5th grader Conner Mathews!!** His essay was chosen as the **First Place winner for the 5th grade in the 2010 Indiana DAR American History Essay Contest**. His essay is being sent to the East Central Division level representing the state of Indiana sponsored the **DAR chapter, Tippecanoe River-Wythougan**. Conner is invited to the **DAR Good Citizens and American History Winners Luncheon** on **Sunday, May 16th at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis**.

ICCL Gr. 6-8 Girls Basketball: Congratulations to the gr. 6-8 girls basketball team! **They defeated Trinity School on Tuesday with a score of 28-12!**

Optimist Essay Winner: *Victoria Jennings* was the winner of the Optimist Essay Contest. The topic of the essay was the *"The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"*. Victoria will receive a medallion and \$100.00. Her essay will now be entered in district & international competition for scholarship awards. ***Congratulations Victoria!!***

Burger King Coupon Books: The Burger King Coupon Book money is due by **Monday, March 1st**. If you still have books, and you are sure you can sell them, please call Mrs. Kuykendall in the office. **Preschool parents who have not sold their books should return them to school as soon as possible.** We will be reconciling with Quality Dining within the next couple of weeks. Thank you for all your support.

Mandarin Program: The Mandarin Program will begin **Tuesday, March 2nd, and will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays, from 3:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the school.** Your child may stay after school as Mrs. Dobuck will stay with the children until the class begins. The class is full in the 1st through 3rd grade class, however, there are still a few openings in the 4th through 8th grade class.

South Bend Chocolate Company Easter Candy Sale: Order forms for the South Bend Chocolate Company Easter Candy Sale are being sent home in today's communication folder. **All orders and money are due Thursday, March 18th. The Easter candy will be delivered on Tuesday, March 30th**

Confirmation Meeting: There will be a mandatory parent meeting for parents of 2009-2010 eighth grade children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting is for parents only and will be held on **Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 P.M.** in the school cafeteria.

Stations of the Cross: Please join us in church for the Stations of the Cross on the following days and times: **Friday, March 5th @ 1:45 P.M., Monday, March 8th @ 2:15, Friday, March 19th @ 1:45 P.M. and Thursday, April 1st @ 2:15 P.M.**

ICCL Boys Baseball: Attention all 5th & 6th grade boys interested in playing ICCL Baseball. Please complete and return the flyer enclosed in today's communication folder by **Monday, March 8th.**

ICCL 5th & 6th Boys Basketball: The 5-6th grade boys basketball team ended their season with a 3rd place finish in the season ending tourney, coming back from a 1-22 deficit after the first quarter to defeat St. Pius last Saturday. **The team finished the season with an overall record of 24-2, and won the regular season league championship by going a perfect 10-0 throughout the year. The 5th & 6th grade boys basketball team finished the regular season a perfect 18-0.** Congratulations to the boys and to Coach Knapp & Coach Felke!

Knights of Columbus Free Throw: Congratulations to the following Knights of Columbus Free Throw winners from St. Michael School. Girls 10 years of age: ***Lauren Kolter***; Boys 11 years of age: ***Nick Felke***; Girls 11 years of age: ***Anna Bockman***; Boys 12 years of age: ***Lucas Vervynckt***. **Great Job!!**

ICCL Gr. 5 Girls Basketball Team: Congratulations to the ***5th grade girls basketball team*** for winning their division this past week-end! They did that by defeating Holy Family on Friday night in a comeback game. They were down 11-4 at half time and ended up winning 20-16 because they never gave up. Anna Bockman led the team with 8 points, Lauren Kolter scored 6 points, Jordan Blackburne made 4 points, and Jenna Thomas put a bucket in. On Saturday the girls put the icing on the cake with another one that they had to fight to win. They were losing at half time 13-11, but came back to win 34-24! Jordan Blackburne scored 12 points to lead the way, Anna Bockman scored 8 points, Lauren Kolter and Jenna Thomas both scored 6 points and the other girls contributed outstanding defense to help us all the way. They are such a fun team to watch. **Plan to attend their Tourney game at St. Michael School on Saturday, March 6th at 9:00 A.M.**

Scrip News: AT & T gift cards will now only be available by special order. They are \$9.50 for 125 minutes. I-tunes cards have been added to our in stock inventory. They are available in \$15.00 cards at 5% profit. J. C. Penney has increased the profit percentage to 6% for the month of March. Xavier Cleaners has increased their profit percentage to 20 % . Thank you!!